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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: <b>B. Calvin Leverett</b>	ATTY DKT NO. 124216.0001.001
SERIAL NO. 10/678,578	GROUP ART UNIT: 3677
FILED: October 03, 2003	
TITLE: MODULAR CASKET SYSTEM	EXAMINER: Miller, William L.
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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Sir:

A telephonic interview was held between the Examiner and Mark Tidwell, Applicant's attorney, on October 20, 2006 based on a Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 Expedited Procedure – Examining Group 3677, which was filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office on October 11, 2006. The prior art discussed in the interview was McLaurin, USP 2,031,275.

Applicant's attorney pointed out that the stated novelty of McLaurin is an improved removable tape used to joint adjacent veneer panels. In one embodiment of the tape, the tape includes perforations 7 as shown in Fig. 2 of McLaurin. The Examiner previously had relied on McLaurin as teaching veneer with pinholes, when in fact, McLaurin focuses on tape. Moreover, none of the veneer panels illustrated in McLaurin to describe the novel features of the tape include perforations or pinholes. The Examiner acknowledged that it was the removable tape and not the veneer in McLaurin that has the perforations. Based on this, the Examiner agreed to withdraw McLaurin as a reference if the claims were amended to clarify the nature of the pinholes in the veneer of Applicant's claim 22.

To this end, the Applicant's attorney authorized the Examiner to charge Applicant a one-month extension of time and to make the following Examiner's amendment to Claim 22:

22. (Currently Amended) A casket assembly made of pre-fabricated panels, the assembly comprising:

a. a plurality of said panels defining a the casket assembly, wherein at least one of the said panels panel is a composite panel, said composite panel comprising:

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a base material and a binder compressed to form said composite panel; and  
b. a veneer secured applied to the a outer surface of said composite panel, said  
veneer comprising a veneer material perforated with a plurality of pinholes, wherein said pinholes  
permit steam to penetrate the veneer to activate a glue binder to secure the veneer to the  
composite panel; and  
a finish coat applied to said at least one panel overlaying said perforated  
material.

Based on the foregoing amendment, the Examiner indicated the claims would be in condition  
for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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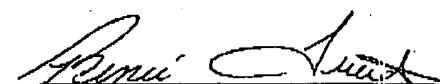
  
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